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General Montgomery C. Miegs  
Commanding General  
United States Army Europe  
Unit 29351  
APO AE 09014

Dear General Miegs,

As you know, the DoDDS-Europe FY 2002 budget experienced a reduction of \$10.107 million in January 2002 as the result of Program Budget Decisions (PBD) 623 and 734. These reductions were required because DoDDS-Europe must take its proportionate share in funding congressional initiatives. I have received some good news from DoDEA headquarters that will help to reduce this shortfall and allow us to restore some funds previously affected. The Office of Secretary of Defense has restored some of the lost funding. DoDDS-Europe has received \$3.876 million.

Back in January, from the DoDDS-Europe budget, District Superintendents unanimously agreed to execute the following reductions:

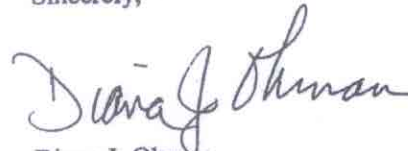
District Budgets	\$ 1,688,000
Area Reserve	\$ 2,418,000
Facility Projects	\$ 4,000,000
Technology Initiatives	<u>\$ 2,001,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,107,000</b>

As a result of this reprieve, we will restore some funds previously cut. District Superintendents and I have agreed to replenish all funds cut from the district budgets. In addition, all funding will be restored into technology for leased computers (\$2,001,000) and the DoDDS-Europe Reserve will recover \$343,000. District Superintendents will decide how to utilize the restored monies in their respective budgets. It is not possible to go back and refund lost travel and training opportunities. Those funds will be reprogrammed to other district priorities. I have asked superintendents to communicate this news to local commanders, School Advisory Committees (SAC), and parents.

I appreciate your past support in understanding our need to live within the constraints brought about from the reductions. DoDDS is a well-resourced school system. We have been fortunate in past years to have more than ample funding for both operational expenses and educational initiatives. I am pleased that the relief we have realized will put us back on track. Additionally, I appreciate the cooperation of school staffs, SACs, military communities, and parents to make the best of a difficult situation.

There is a possibility that we may recoup more of this funding at fiscal year end. I will have a plan ready to immediately execute if year-end funds become available. I wanted you to be advised of recent changes in our budget situation. I will be happy to provide any additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diana J. Ohman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Diana" being more prominent.

Diana J. Ohman  
Director, DoDDS-Europe

cc:  
DCINC  
Senior Enlisted Advisor  
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DoDDS-E District Superintendents